

Bliss H. Crandall

Bliss H. Crandall, 87, of Provo, Utah passed peacefully away at his home Saturday, April 7, 2001.

He was born Dec. 27, 1913 in Springville, UT to Edgar Vernon and Sylvia Hansen Crandall.

He married Mildred Johnson in the Salt Lake LDS Temple June 23, 1937. They are the parents of three sons: Vern (Linda and Ken (Linda).

Rael, Lynn (Beth),



He was educated in the Springville schools, later attending BYU and Utah State University where he graduated in Agriculture. While attending USU he was a Cadet leader of the R.O.T.C. program. He went on to attend Iowa State University where he obtained his Masters Degree in plant breeding. Later at Iowa State he completed all of his course work for his Ph.D. He also completed advanced course work in statistics at North Carolina State University. Throughout his life, he received many honors and awards. Some of which were the Distinguished Service Award for National DHA, Fellow of ADSA, Honorary Doctorate of USU, Outstanding Agriculture Alumni of USU, Sertoma Entrepreneur of the year, Guest Speaker Marriott School of Business, and Dairy Shrine Honored Guest of the Year. His picture hangs in the gallery of the guest of honor at the Dairy Shrine along with Louis Pasteur and others. He is known as the father of computerized dairy records throughout the world. His accomplishments are recognized worldwide for furthering the dairy industry in record keeping, management practices, and genetic improvement.

He was a professor and the assistant director of the experiment station at USU for many years. Later he accepted a position as Dean of Admissions and Records at Brigham Young University where he served for several years. On July 1, 1954 he founded DHI Computing Service, Inc. in the basement of his home. He was active in community affairs serving on the Provo School Board and in the Kiwanis Club.

He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving in many positions throughout his life. He was a counselor in the Provo Stake Presidency, Stake Sunday School President, home teacher, and High Priest Group Leader and others.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mildred Crandall; three sons, Vern (Linda Rael), Provo, B. Lynn (Beth), Springville, Ken (Linda), Orem; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; one brother, Lamar V. (Delores) Crandall; four sisters, Hortense Harward, Loeen Whiting, Elaine Jackson, Carra Martin; a brother-in-law, Darrell Butler; and sisters-in-law, Elaine Hansen, Leah Crandall. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ruel Crandall.

Services will be in the State Canyon 4th Ward chapel, 715 Utah Ave. Provo, UT (turn East at 800 S. off State St. in Provo), 11 a.m. Tues. April 10, 2001. The viewing will be at Berg Mortuary, 185 E. Center St. Provo, 6-8 p.m. Mon and at the Church prior to the funeral 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tues.

Provo-Based Guard Engineers Help Restore Provo Canyon Park

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Settled amid the rushing waters of the Provo River and the beautiful mountain greenery of the Provo Canyon just below Bridal Veil Falls lies a 25 acre area known as the Rotary Park.

For the next three months members of Company C, 1457th Engineer Battalion, Utah Army National Guard in Provo will be assisting Scenic Canyon Society, Inc. in the restoration of this park by building a rigid suspension bridge across Provo River.

The bridge is to be constructed of timber beams and steel cable and will be 6 feet wide and span 100 feet across the Provo River. The bridge will have the capacity to support 4 tons live weight. According to Staff Sergeant John Arrowchis, the project will take 3 months and 1800 man hours to complete.

Malin Perry, spokesman for Scenic Canyon Society, Inc. of

Provo, expressed gratitude to Major General John Matthews, Adjutant General of the Utah Army National Guard, for allowing the Provo-based Guard Engineers to be involved in this community project.

The history of this park is quite a story. In the mid-1950's the Rotary Club offered to build a park on 25 acres of land owned by Provo City and the city agreed. The park contains a main water line and several springs and offered some of the most enchanting scenery available along the river. Twelve years ago the Utah Department of Transportation closed the park because officials planned to use it to relocate the Provo Canyon Road, consequently the park has been officially closed for 12 years. No one has been able to officially use or improve the site all of this time. The UDOT finally decided to go a different route and SCS, Inc. was formed to restore, renovate

and improve the park.

As soon as road work is finished the rest of the park will be completed. The bridge Company C is building will tie the park together as the park is split across the Provo River. Another bridge will be built across the river at the east end of the park to allow service vehicles to access all the park.

SCS is trying to acquire a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience from the Utah Public Service Commission for a trolley system in the park that would eventually link the Canyon along the old railroad track from the Rotary Park to Vivian Park. Fares will be about \$2 for adults and a \$1 for children. An extra \$1 would be charged for all-day privileges.

The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad has already donated 5 cars which will be modified for the trolley and Union Pacific Railroad is donating the track. The engine will have to be con-

structed for the trolley by the Society.

According to Perry, Scenic Canyon Society, Inc. was formed in 1982 by Rotarians and other interested individuals in Provo as a non-profit corporation for the preservation of the Provo River Parkway in Provo Canyon and the Provo River Trail. Specifically the society is working on the 25 acres in the Rotary Park. All funds and or materials are donated to the SCS.

So far, funds being expended for the bridge project total \$2200 with the Guard allocating all equipment and labor. Expenditures so far on the project by SCS exceed \$80,000.

The Guard has a dual mission. One mission is federal in nature and involves training in the military combat phases of engineering. The second mission allows the Guard to be used as a service engineer group for the community it serves.